Unwinding Efforts Utah Medicaid



What is Medicaid Unwinding?

 In 2020, in response to COVID-19 pandemic, federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act provided states with enhanced federal match if they maintained continuous Medicaid enrollment

 In December 2022, federal Consolidated Appropriations Act directed states to begin unwinding continuous Medicaid enrollment with a phased out enhanced federal match

Planning for Unwinding

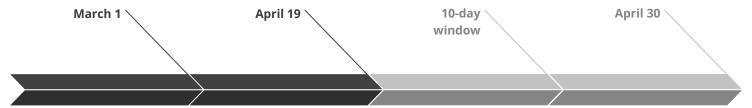
Discussions with Stakeholders

- Medicaid advisory committee (May 2022 - present)
- Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee (June and October 2022, January and February 2023)
- Others including Utah
 Accountable Care Organizations,
 pediatricians, oral health
 coalition, etc.

In March 2023, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Utah's unwinding plan.

Utah Solution to Unwinding

- Starting December 2021, sending multiple member notifications
- Continuing reviews during period of Medicaid continuous enrollment
- Prioritizing reviews so that likely ineligible individuals are reviewed first and can be quickly removed from program if found ineligible
- 520,000 Medicaid members to be reviewed from April 2023 to March 2024



Member Reviews Begin

86,000 reviews initiated for the first two months of Utah unwinding

First Closure Notices Sent

Closure notices sent to Utah Medicaid members

Transfer to Marketplace or Other Coverage

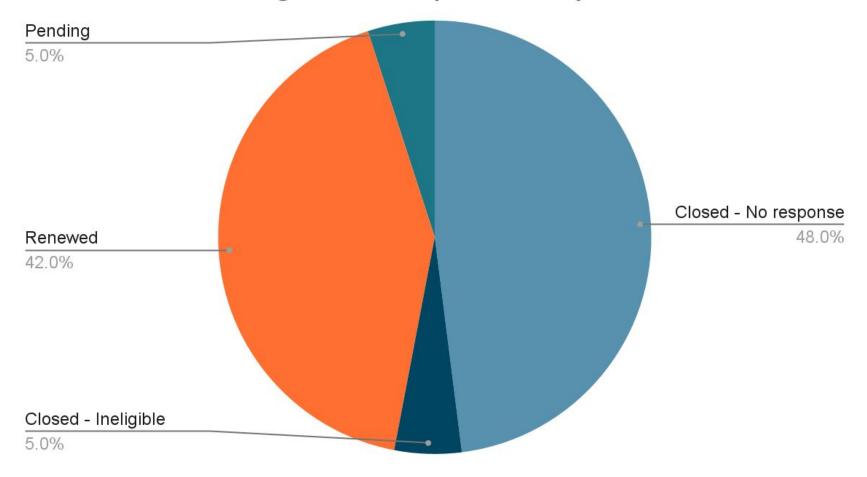
Member transitions coverage to another plan

First Closures Occur

Members transition to another program or are closed for failure to complete paperwork

Unwinding Activities

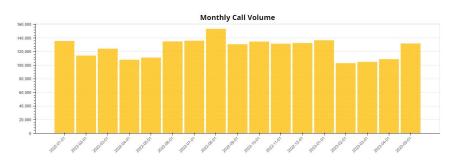
Results of Unwinding in Utah - April and May 2023



Unwinding Information

- Information page:
 - https://medicaid.utah.gov/unwinding/
- Data dashboard:
 - https://medicaid.utah.gov/unwinding/unwinding-eligibility-data/







Thank you

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